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SYMPOSIUM: CORPORATIONS DODGE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA LAW PROJECT SYMPOSIUM

The Expanding Role of the Attorney in the Entertainment Industry.

By Fredrik Cederqvist '94

On Thursday, March 25, the Media Law Project presented a symposium on "The Expanding Role of the Attorney in the Entertainment Industry." Despite going up against the typical SBA brewfest, the event drew over seventy students.

The first speaker was Gil Aronow who presently works for MTV Networks, part of Viacom, International. Aronow remarked that he found his present job more interesting than his past jobs at law firms because it enabled him to "wear several hats" at the same time. "When you work as an Entertainment lawyer at a law firm, you basically do what others tell you to do. When you work at a corporation, you get a chance to get involved in planning. Instead of working on one project at a time, you can get involved in deciding how to plan for the next five to ten years. When you work in the type of corporation I do, you are more than just a lawyer. That's what I find exciting about my job."

Ellen Feig, a graduate of New York Law School in 1988, has also opted



Professor Feig moderates the panel at the recent Media Law Symposium

for working at a corporation. She presently works at Sony Music, U.S. Although she also preferred working at a corporation, she did feel that jobs at law firms make a very good starting point. "I would definitely recommend starting at a law firm, even if it was only for a year or six months. The legal experience is invaluable. Although I act as a 'lawyer' only nine out of ten times during the day, my legal experi-

ence from New York Law School and my past law firm experience is definitely an asset."

Bruce Colfin, a New York Law School graduate in 1980, spoke humorously about his days at law school and how he eventually started his own practice. His best piece of advice was for those who wanted to get into Entertainment Law in general. "People say

we are in a recession and that there are no jobs out there. That's not true. There are jobs out there for Entertainment lawyers. The problem is everyone limits themselves to New York City. There are plenty of jobs in entertainment in other parts of the country. If you have your mind set on New York, you might be best going out of town to get some good experience, and then come back. Like any other field, you have to pay your dues."

Professor Feig, who served as moderator, agreed. "There are fifty states in this Union of ours. Entertainment Law is great no matter where you practice it."

Those who left early missed the best part of the event. The speakers stayed for over an hour after the symposium had ended to talk with students and address specific concerns. Hot topics included the future of cable, sampling, and summer jobs.

The Media Law Project is already gearing up for a symposium to be presented next year on Entertainment and the First Amendment. Stayed tuned for further details in the fall edition of the Media Law Project Newsletter.

ILJ HOSTS SYMPOSIUM ON HOW CORPORATIONS EVADE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

By Fernando Cruz with Joseph Conway

On March 26, 1996, the NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW hosted a symposium entitled *Sanctions, South Africa, and Corporate America: Practices and Evasions*. The symposium, co-sponsored by the Black Law Students Association, centered on the "methods and practices used by many American corporations to circumvent sanctions against South Africa." The speakers were Victor Mashabela, Representative from the African National Congress (ANC), Donna Katzin, Director of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, James W. Cason, Assistant Director of the Africa Fund/American Committee on Africa, and Imani Countess, Acting Director of the Washington Office on Africa, and Professor Edward Laing of New York Law School,

who was the mediator.

While pointing to the general ineffectiveness of sanctions in the international arena, Professor Laing's introduction acknowledged the relative success of U.S. sanctions against Apartheid in South Africa. Professor Laing said much of the success of these sanctions was due to the diverse coalition behind them. This coalition consisting of everything from special interest groups to municipal governments.

The general consensus among the speakers seemed to be the primacy of economic controls in forcing South Africa to deal with the issue of Apartheid. James Cason, conceded that sanctions are fundamentally contrary to certain U.S. interests. These interests include those corporations who profit from South African-related business and those individuals for whom it is not politically expedient to uphold sanctions (no specific names were given but the general inference is those who back less regulation for businesses and free trade). However, Katz asserted

that the strength of local sanctions contributed greatly in giving the sanctions "justification and symbolic strength." These local sanctions are those which are city and state government sponsored regulations prohibiting transactions with companies doing business in or with South Africa. Cason noted that local sanctions forced U.S. companies to pull out from transactions even when they were peripherally involved in South African business because the American companies were faced losing business at home. He cautioned that many companies have attempted to make use of loop-holes in the regulations in order to keep themselves involved with South African business. One example of this is a certain computer company with three initials who claims that since its computers use a special type of technology, only they are can provide maintenance and service -- therefore, they fall within exemptions in the local regulations which allow a "sole provider" to continue doing business in South Africa.

Donna Katzin spoke of the "economic squeeze" brought about by the sanctions on South Africa. Katzin attributed South Africa's precarious economy on the effects the sanctions had on its already "distorted" economy. According to Katzin the goal of U.S. led sanctions should be to "prevent corporate re-engagement" until power has transferred to at least an interim government. Katzin stated that South Africa's economic reliance on certain limited raw materials (such as gold and diamonds), its exclusion of a significant amount of its population, its lack of oil reserves and its failure to develop high technology make South Africa a great candidate for sanctions. This also makes it imperative that governments not allow corporate interest to dictate what should be done in regard to sanctions.

Another speaker, Imani Countess, attributed the success of sanctions to the "temporary rainbow coalition"

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NYLS HOSTS WAGNER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

National Competition Focuses on Labor Law Issues

By Robin Sherak '93

Each spring, the New York Law School Moot Court Association hosts the Robert F. Wagner, Sr., National Moot Court Competition. This competition is named in honor of Senator Robert F. Wagner, a graduate of New York Law School and a sponsor of the National Labor relations Act of 1935. The Wagner is the only moot court competition in the country which focuses on labor law.

The topic of this year's competition was whether a state, as a property owner and a purchaser of construction services, should be afforded the same rights granted a private property owner. The Moot Court Association invites Judges, NYLS alumni, professors and other lawyers to act as judges for the preliminary, quarterfinal and semi-final rounds. The judges for the final round were four lawyers from the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.

This year, 30 law schools participated in the four-day event. The competition began with preliminary rounds which were held throughout NYLS on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 19 and 20. After each school competes in two preliminary rounds, the scores of briefs and oral arguments are tallied, and the top 14 schools advanced to quarterfinal rounds. After the quarter-final rounds, the four top scoring teams advance to the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final round, University of Texas School of Law and University of Georgia School of Law, went on to compete in the final round. The final round was held at the Federal Court House at 60 Centre Street. The team from University of Georgia School of Law prevailed as the winner. Awards were given out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places. Best brief and Best Oral Advocate awards are also given each year.

The competition gives law students a chance to meet other law students from around the country. The Moot Court Association sponsored a dinner for all competitors and judges which was held at Windows on the World. There was also a brunch for the award winners and judges at the South Street Seaport after the final round. Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to everyone for all their help to make this year's Wagner so successful.



Erik Jacobs (l.) addresses those gathered at the Wagner Dinner as Ivonne Prieto, Chairperson (c.) and Simon Kogan (r.) look on.

NYLS STUDENT CHALLENGES D'AMATO FOR U.S. SENATE SEAT



Joseph Brennan
U.S. Senate Hopeful

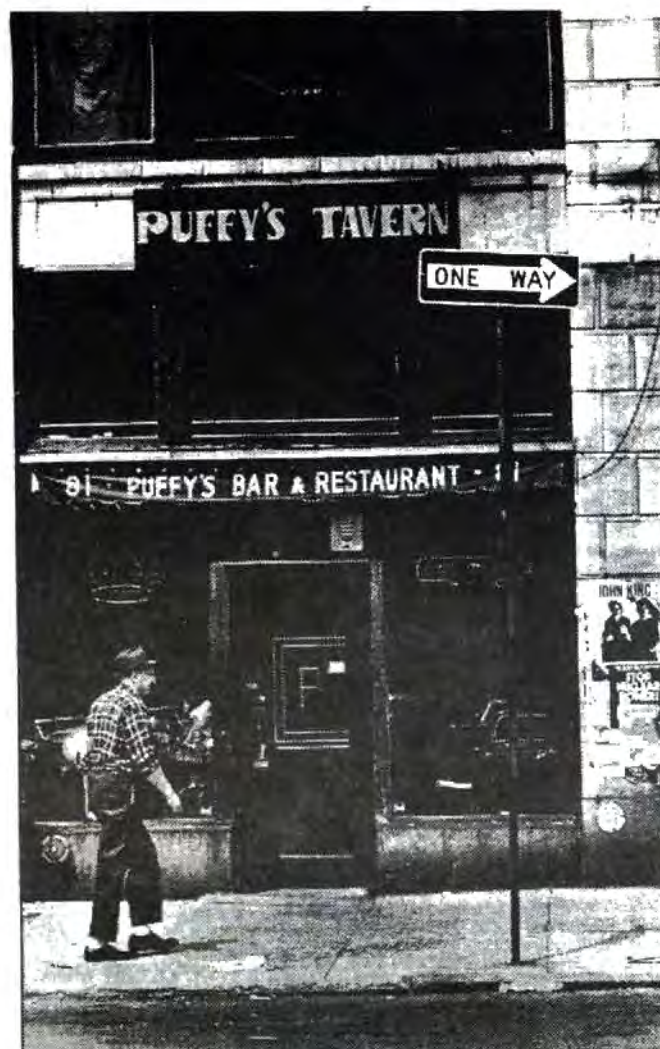
By Mike Wood — News Editor

Joseph D. Brennan announced that he is seeking the Libertarian Party's nomination for the United States Senate seat presently held by Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato. Brennan, 32, is currently enrolled in the New York Law School-Baruch College joint JD-MBA degree program. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from SUNY-Old Westbury. Prior to enrolling in the dual Master of Business Administration/Juris Doctor program, Brennan worked as a stock broker, a commercial helicopter pilot, and a flight instructor.

Brennan hopes to be the first African-American Senator from New York. He believes that his commitment to the Libertarian Party is a commitment to protecting the rights of all Americans.

The Libertarian Party was founded in 1971. It is the third largest political organization in the United States. Its national platform includes the reduction and eventual elimination of government taxation and the reform of current immigration and drug laws.

Students who are interested in working on Brennan's campaign are requested to drop a note into Mr. Brennan's mail folder.



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DESTRUCTION OF CULTURAL ARTIFACTS IN TROUBLED CYPRUS

Hellenic Law Students Host Lecture

By Phillip Spyropoulos '92

"Desolation and destruction mark many areas. Whole villages and towns and cities are empty of people, who fled their homes in fear of advancing



Turkish poster celebrating the "peace operation" in Cyprus
Photo Courtesy of Cypriot Consulate

Turkish forces ..." This is not an eyewitness account of the aftermath of the Armenian Genocide, or the destruction unleashed by the Turks during the Balkan Wars. This was an account by Senator Edward Kennedy, then Chairman of the U.S. Senate sub-Committee of Refugees, referring to Turkey's massive and brutal 1974 invasion of Cyprus. Although Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean with four thousand years of Hellenism behind it, has endured numerous invasions and occupations, this latest one may prove to be the most catastrophic.

Despite the fact that the United Nations Security Council has passed numerous Resolutions against Turkey's invasion and continuing occupation of almost 40% of the island, Turkey has conceded nothing. There are still 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees, Turkey still refuses to cooperate with regard to the 5000 persons still missing as a result of the invasion, Turkey is still bringing in illegal settlers from Anatolia to repopulate and "Turkify" Cyprus, and Turkey is

still pillaging and destroying priceless antiquities and art treasures that had survived 4000 years only to be lost with this latest and most barbaric assailant. Eyewitness accounts of Turkish soldiers cutting Cypriot women's nipples off to make worry-beads, old women and little girls being savagely raped, and young men's bodies being tortured in ways not easily mentionable could certainly fill more than ten Reporters.

In a presentation on the Cyprus tragedy, held last year in the Reading Room, a Greek-Cypriot POW was invited to speak about his "experiences" as a Turkish Prisoner of War. That what his Turkish captors put him through was in clear violation of their responsibilities towards a Prisoner of War under the Geneva Conventions is, unfortunately, an understatement. Particularly potent was his narration of how they ran a metal wire through his mouth (through a cheek) and behind to his hands and rifle so if he moved even a little he would experience excruciating pain, or when they sat them in a row, tied up, in the middle of a street and had tanks slowly move towards them, all the while shouting "we're going to run you over pigs!" and turning the tanks away at the last second. The Turks' centuries-old legacy for barbarity, cruelty, and destruction continues with this latest conquest, the invasion of virtually defenseless Cyprus by a massive military machine (Turkey has the largest standing army in European NATO) - an operation which the Turks had appropriately named "Attila". Turkey used a coup d'etat effectuated by the Cyprus National Guard, organized in part by officers from mainland Greece, as the pretext to invade.

What may be the most despicable plan the Turks are effecting, even worse than the horrors I had just mentioned, is the destruction of Cypriot cultural property. This was the topic of a slide-show presentation by the Hellenic Law Society on February 25th in the Student Lounge.

The Turkish occupiers of Cyprus are effecting a strategy of "Turkifying" Cyprus in order to ensure that they stay masters of the land they are now precariously occupying, making it more and more difficult as time goes by for the international community to liberate Cyprus from its occupiers. Turkey is trying to accomplish this with two strategies: first, it is illegally, and against U.N. Resolutions, bringing in thousands of Turks from Turkey to settle in the now vacant homes and lands of northern Cyprus. Second, it is systematically pillaging and destroying not only the churches, graveyards, monasteries and any other objects of Hellenism which Turkey feels could delegitimize its presence there, but Turkey is also systematically pillaging and

destroying priceless works of art spanning from Cyprus' Mycenaean period four thousand years ago, through its classical Greek period, its Hellenistic period, its Roman period, and especially, its Byzantine period. Much is lost to the illegal international art trade, and many of these priceless items end up in the hands of U.S. art dealers (*Autocephalous Greek-Orthodox Church of Cyprus v. Goldberg & Feldman Fine Arts, Inc.*, 717 F.Supp. 1374 (S.D. Ind. 1989) was a case of first impression which captured the attention of the international art world. A 6th century mosaic stolen from Cyprus and sold by a Turk, Dikman, to the defendants in Geneva was ordered returned to Cyprus despite the fact that the defendant claimed to be a good faith purchaser).

Despite the fact that the Gulf War was justified as an enforcement of Security Council Resolutions and as a necessary military action to thwart a clear and blatant aggressor of a defenseless country, Cyprus still remains occupied and partitioned by Turkish forces. The occupied territory has unilaterally declared itself an independent state "The Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" yet only Turkey recognizes it while further U.N. Resolutions were passed condemning the declaration.

Unfortunately for little Cyprus, it has no oil. Yet it is important to note that Turkey receives the third largest amount of military (and economic) aid from the U.S. after Israel and Egypt. Turkey's military machine would be impotent without our tax dollars and its occupation of Cyprus, which is having a tremendous drain on its third-world economy, would soon become

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Stolen 6th Century mosaic that was the object of the suit in *Autocephalous Greek-Orthodox Church of Cyprus*
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infeasible. What can you do about it? 1) Inform others. Europeans are much more aware of the Cyprus situation. For such a consequential issue (and a readily solvable one) Americans are surprisingly uninformed about it. 2) Write to your Congressman. That writing stuff really makes a difference. 3) COME BY THE HELLENIC LAW SOCIETY OFFICE in the hallway to the right of the bookstore AND PICK UP A PETITION FOR A TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO GEORGE BUSH, you will find copies of the petition on the door. You can make a big difference with a little effort.

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made up of the Congressional Black Congress, the Democratic leadership, and moderate Republicans (such as Senators Richard Lugar of Indiana and Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas). The coalition was forced to work together as a reaction to the image of racism promulgated by the Republican Party and their personal abhorrence of apartheid. Countess said that the significance of this coalition was the forestalling corporate interests in formulating U.S. policy towards South Africa.

ANC Representative Victor Mashabela made the case for a "broader consensus" among international states in countering apartheid and the existing regime. Mashabela was adamant about the need for continued sanctions against the existing regime "until the realization of an interim government" (emphasis supplied). He stated that sanctions offer the best framework for helping to bring about changes in South Africa. At one point, questions directed at Mashabela involving black on black

violence seemed to overtake the discussion. However, Mashabela and the other panelist seemed to downplay the extent and severity of this issue. They argued that such violence is in large part a product of instigation by proponents of apartheid and those who seek to upset unity among black South Africans. It is against these very factions that sanctions are directed to and corporate interest should not be allowed to override that.

STUDENT LOUNGE TO BE RE-VAMPED

by Karen Shelton '94

Starting this June, the school will begin major renovations of the Student Lounge and Cafeteria on the ground and basement floors of the "C" building. As you all know, the proposed blueprints are in the student lounge awaiting our feedback.

The talk about the renovation is both encouraging and frustrating. It seems the general sentiment/attitude at this school is to complain, whine, etc., and no constructive action is ever taken. This is our school. Dig? Since renovations should be completed by September of this year, two-thirds of the present student body will be affected by these changes. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!!!!

Complaints after the fact will be moot. If you care, do something. Join the Steering Committee for Renovations. They meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. (See Helena Prigal in Student Services.) Submit an article to the school newspapers, talk to Student Services.

Apathy will get us nowhere. Instead of complaining, Propose!!!! Believe it or not, it does matter what we think. After all, without us, there would be no law school.



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BROWN CALLS FOR DEP'T OF EDUCATION TO BE ABOLISHED



FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN

Jerry Brown
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By Jeff Golfarb WASHINGTON (CPS)

While he was governor of California, Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown claims he accomplished a great deal with regard to higher education. During his administration, which started in 1972, Brown nearly doubled the funding for state universities and community colleges, and tripled money devoted to equal opportunity programs.

"I called for higher standards in high school, requiring three years of math and two years of science for graduates, with even more stringent requirements for the college bound," he said in a statement from his campaign office. "This led the California State and University systems to raise entrance requirements in math."

Now that he is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, the former governor has vowed to abolish the Department of Education. "It is a massive bureaucratic waste," he said. "It educates no student." Brown said the savings from eliminating the department "should be returned to the

states to improve classroom instruction."

Brown also said federal grants to college students are better than loans. "What we're seeing is an almost invisible disease that is turning students into long-term, almost life-long, debtors," he said.

In response to a United States Student Association questionnaire, Brown said he supported raising the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,500 and expanding eligibility for Pell Grants to students from families with incomes between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

As a nation we ought to make the commitment that anyone who can make the grade and fulfill the academic requirements ought to get the financial assistance to attend," he said. In order to generate funds for increased grants,

Brown told USSA he would "institute a flat tax and amnesty, cut government spending and shift funds, including substantial funds currently budgeted for the military, to education."

Also in the USSA survey, Brown said he would support House resolution 271 and Senate Resolution 236, which ask President Bush to rescind the Department of Defense policy barring lesbians, gays, and bisexuals from military service. Because students frequently utilize the military as a means to pay for college, the issue has come to the forefront on campuses nationwide.

Brown advocates the introduction of sophisticated technology to the classroom. "There ought to be a computer on every student's desk in America," he said.

IRS: SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MAY BE TAXED

WASHINGTON (CPS) - As the April 15 tax deadline approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds students that their scholarship money may be considered taxable income.

Any scholarship money applied by a student to room, board or travel expenses - when the scholarship is above a certain minimum - has been considered taxable income since 1987.

According to the IRS, any stu-

dent who is claimed as a dependent on his or her parents' tax return must pay taxes if they make more than \$3,400, including scholarship money or financial aid applied to room, board or travel.

If a student is not claimed by his or her parents, the income is not taxable unless it exceeds \$500. That amount also includes scholarship money or financial aid applied to room, board or travel.

Any scholarship money used for books, supplies and tuition is still tax-free.

The IRS says students who don't claim their scholarship money on their tax returns and are caught are subject to pay the tax due plus a penalty of up to 25 percent of the unpaid amount.



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CLINTON CALLS FOR NEW LOAN PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES

By Jeff Golfarb WASHINGTON (CPS)

The core of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's higher education platform mandates that loans to college students be paid back as either a percentage of their income over time or through voluntary national public service.

In addition, Clinton wants to establish a trust fund from which any American can borrow money for a college education - a program he labels a domestic GI Bill.

To fund the additional aid, Clinton proposes reallocating the budget and pledging more money to education.

"Today only 9 percent of the budget is directed to investing in our future - education training, child health, environmental technologies, research and infrastructure. We need double

that share and pay for it by converting resources no longer needed for defense," Clinton said in a United States Student Association survey.

As governor, Clinton increased funding for higher education institutions in Arkansas by 77.7 percent since 1983. He established a college bond program in 1991 to help parents finance their children's higher education. Under the plan, parents and others can buy short or long-term tax-exempt "college bonds."

Since Clinton took office, the percent of Arkansas' graduating high school students who attend in-state universities has risen from 38.2 percent to 51.3 percent.

The Arkansas Challenge Scholarship Program, implemented last year, allows any student who meets middle and lower-middle income guidelines to have part of their tuition paid by the



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state at any college or university in the state.

The student, in return, must maintain a "C" average, stay off drugs and score 19 or above on the ACT test.

Clinton said in a Chronicle of Higher Education survey that he wants to simplify the student-aid program "by eliminating banks from the process and making direct loans to students through their colleges and trade schools."

According to the Chronicle survey, he also said he advocated affirmative action so that "every young American will have access to a college education, no matter what their background."

Clinton said he agreed with resolutions pending in both the House and Senate that would ask President Bush to rescind Department of Defense prohibiting lesbians, gays and bisexuals from military service. Because many college students look to the military to help pay for college, the issue has come to the forefront.

Clinton said he supports more accurate national testing standards "that will help us measure the achievements of our students and tell us in what areas we need to make great efforts," according to the Chronicle's questionnaire.

"However, no student in good standing should be denied access to college, and grades should not be the basis for providing student aid. As President, I will introduce legislation to provide universal access to college for anyone who desires a college education," he said.

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that he was running, Marrou proposed a flat tax rate of 0%, with no Federal sales tax. Now that's real change.

Brown's supporters say that he would "return to New York City its fair share of Federal revenues as opposed to the 43 cents we currently receive of every \$1 we send to Washington..." Interestingly enough, they won't commit to an exact figure. Even if Brown could improve on the 43 cents, he'll never return the full dollar. Only Libertarians would return the full dollar, by not taking it in the first place. Don't fall for the Washington con game any longer. Vote Libertarian, a real change.

Memorable Quotes

"God grant that not only the love of liberty, but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man, may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say, 'This is my country.'" — Benjamin Franklin.

"History is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily. Individuals may see the moral light and give up their unjust posture; but as Reinhold Niebuhr has reminded us, groups are more immoral than individuals." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you have any questions you would like answered from a libertarian point of view, or any comments you would like to make, correspondence is welcomed and should be directed to:

BRENNAN'S JUSTICE
c/o The Reporter

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SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

This special issue of The Reporter is published to give students the opportunity to meet some of the students who are running for the SBA Executive Board. It is difficult to know all of our fellow students at NYLS. In particular, second and third years know few first year students and vice versa. This special issue is intended to give voters some information to base their choice for the SBA positions. Unfortunately, not all candidates submitted information by press time.

SBA PRESIDENT

Douglas Kevin Stern

My name is DOUGLAS STERN and I am running to be your next Student Bar Association President. During the next academic year the SBA President will face many problems, yet have many opportunities. As President, I will utilize my experience as SBA Senator and more recently as Attorney General, to meet those challenges and grasp every opportunity possible. It is impossible to set out, in one article with limited space, all of what I intend to do. However, I will do my best to convey to you, both what I can do to effectuate this change but more importantly what the SBA can do for you, the student body.

The SBA has traditionally been nothing more a central repository and distributor of student funds. It is essential that the SBA become more active outside of this role. With available monies the SBA should fund areas such as; loan relief programs for those who are interested in public interest careers, a lecture series that will gain outside publicity and notoriety, a matching fund program to encourage clubs to be more active in raising funds or other forms of student related extra-curricular activities, whether law related or purely social.

Apart from its role as banker, the SBA needs to serve as an advocate for the student body. As president I will establish a conduit between students and the administration, effectively destroying the old notion that this relationship needs to be adversarial. In addition, unifying the clubs through some form of an organizational support committee, will establish a base in terms of outside contacts, resources (monetary and intellectual) and overall support and success of events.

The SBA President also has the unique opportunity and duty to present New York Law School to the legal community. By attending in a representary capacity, the many events that occur throughout the legal community, I will be able to convey what we already know, that New York Law School students are as good, if not better, than any other law student in this state. This translates into job opportunities from those who had not found respect for our institution and more generally elevates our standing amongst our peers and future employers.

PLEASE, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, contact me through my mail-folder or in room C-101.

Thank You and be sure to VOTE, April 6th & 7th.

RESUME

New York Law School: J.D. Expected May, 1993/ Day Division

- Senator, Student Bar Association, 1990-91
- Attorney General, SBA 1991-91
- Advertising Manager, THE REPORTER
- Special Study: *The Collapse of Federal Rule of Evidence 404(b)*.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- The Robert D. Gould P.C. Law Firm Clerk
- NYC Dept of Housing, Preserv. & Devel. Co-op Lease Research
- Rothberg & Sherman Clerk

Jack T. Frohlich



Jack Frohlich and his wife Susan at the Centennial Carnival.

I have been a union representative for nearly 20 years. Currently, I am the Recording Secretary of the Track Division in Transport Workers Union Local 100. I have been the Evening Vice-President here at New York Law for two years, am a member of the Faculty Curriculum Committee, and write a column for the Reporter.

I believe that the SBA should be more than the dispenser of funds to the clubs, it should be the voice of the student body regarding the issues that affect us as students and keep the us informed about the debates, discussions, proposals, etc. that are taking place in the legal community.

I will make the following proposals:

-That the SBA sponsor forums to allow us to take part in the debates taking place in the legal community and let our ABA/LSD representative know what our opinions are. I will make reports from the ABA meetings available to the student body so that we know what occurs and what our representative said;

-That the funding limits in the SBA guidelines be increased to allow the SBA to provide increased support as matching funds for clubs to join national organizations and attend national conferences;

-That the Administration provide more support to clubs in the form of co-sponsorship of events or Public Relations support;

-That faculty members be encouraged to meet with the clubs in their area of expertise or interest. Contact with the professors outside of the classroom would be a great addition to the learning experience; and

-That the Administration and Faculty must be encouraged to provide some form of training in computer research and use of computers in legal practice. Whether offered as classes or seminars or non-credit training sessions, these skills must be taught.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jonathan Grosser

I am a graduate of Tulane University ('89) where I majored in Political Economics and minored in Philosophy. In college I participated in Amnesty International, the Political Science Society and was secretary of my fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma. My academic experience focused primarily on the study of public policy and public choice theory. After graduating, I worked for two years as a commercial real estate developer. In this capacity, I worked extensively with attorneys. This experience prompted me to attend Law School.

As Attorney General I will be responsible for resolving any disputes that arise under the constitution of the S.B.A. In addition, I will be responsible for insuring the legitimacy of all student organization constitutions. My work experience has taught me how to negotiate and to resolve disputes among adamant parties. My forward personality combined with the fact that I am not afraid to deal with adversity make me especially suited for the position of Attorney General. This year I have really enjoyed serving as a senator in the S.B.A. I am excited about continuing to serve the interests of the student body and improving the quality of life at New York Law School. The position of Attorney General will enable me to better achieve this goal.

I've been in this government; I know how it works. I can make it work for you. You want it, you'll get it with me!



SBA DAY VICE-PRESIDENT



Harold Rosenthal

I am running for the position of SBA Senate DAY Vice-President, because I believe the Student Senate should be the LEADER of the student community. The SBA must take a leading role in assisting student groups in enhancing the school's image in the community through increased contacts between the alumni, the faculty, the community, and the students. By working with the Office of Career Services and the Alumni Association, we can organize events that are not only educational, but enhance our community presence, and allow us to be known as NYLS not NYU.

It all boils down to JOBS, JOBS, JOBS. The SBA, as the vanguard of the student proletariat, must take a leading role in formulating goals and policies designed to insure a return on the students' investments. Admittedly, what the SBA can do to promote jobs is limited. But in this economy all the organizations must do their part. The SBA must do all it can to help bring employment to NYLS students. In order to help promote jobs, I, as Vice-President, will work hard to insure that there is long-range planning and coordination between all the student organizations and the administration. Promoting jobs will become the order of the day at SBA.

Effective leadership, however, is not just working hard, it is working wisely. A good leader builds coalitions and consensus; motivates people to work together toward common goals. Both as a manager in the business world and as a student, I have always believed that working with diverse groups is more productive than working against diverse groups. As the day VP, one of my most important objectives will be to bring groups together in order to respond more effectively to the needs of ALL of the students.

If you want a common sense leader for Vice-President, then you want me, HAROLD ROSENTHAL FOR DAY VICE-PRESIDENT.



Andrew Craner

I am running for SBA Vice-President because I believe that I have a lot to offer the students of New York Law School. I am presently an SBA Senator, and have worked to see that your Student Activities dollars are allocated only for "legitimate" purposes. Also, I serve as your student representative on the Faculty Curriculum Committee (along with Jack Frohlich). This gives me the opportunity to bring student concerns and problems regarding academic matters to the faculty, and I vote on any policies that I know will benefit all students.

For example, I helped the Moot Court Association receive an increase in the number of academic credits for their members so they can continue to carry out their outstanding work. And I am continuing to work on other proposals, including re-examining the Writing Requirement and shortening the academic calendar.

As Vice-President, I will continue my advocacy on behalf of all students. I will work with the SBA president and Executive Committee to make the SBA become more active with the student body. Although the SBA organizes several events each year and allocates funds for clubs, I believe the SBA should do more outreach to students, particularly in an ombudsman capacity. I will also work with the SBA Executive Committee and school administration on improving the student areas around the school, particularly the student lounge and basement space. I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL!!

I hope to see all of you taking part in the SBA elections. Be a part of this great school- VOTE!!!



Stacy Oberman

My name is Stacy Oberman. I am finishing my first year here at NYLS and am running for the position of vice-president. Over the past year, I have represented section 1A as a Senator in the SBA. Many of my peers will know that I have been their link to the student government, but I doubt they, as well as most students at NYLS, know who else represents them.

How many of you can say that you know who the SBA officers are? Don't you think that the people elected to allocate your student activity fees should make an effort to be responsive and available to all students? This is especially important

to the first year students who pay activity fees that are given out by officers they did not have a chance to elect.

As a member of the SBA, I have seen student activity fees allocated haphazardly to the clubs. Those organizations that have members in the SBA or can get the sympathy of its members are able to get more money. The SBA needs to follow precedent when allocating money. By doing this, the various clubs will receive money fairly, without favoritism.

When I first joined the SBA, I was asked to sign up for a subcommittee to become involved in different areas of the school such as student/teacher relations and the cafeteria. These subcommittees never developed and the SBA's sole focus this year has been student organizations. True this is one aspect of student life at NYLS, but the SBA should be involved in other areas of student life as well in order to make NYLS a more enjoyable school to attend.

If you would like to see these changes made, please vote for me, STACY OBERMAN, FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.



Dineen McDonald-Garcia

For those of you who had the need to interact with me in my capacity as Treasurer, or those who didn't, I would like to say it's been a pleasure. Despite my grumblings and sighs of exasperation, my position as Treasurer of SBA certainly was challenging and fulfilling. At times I believed that being "involved" wasn't all it was cracked up to be. But when the moment came that I had to decide whether I wished to continue serving on the Executive Board my answer was clearly YES.

Having been on the Executive Board for the last year, my interests have swayed from Treasurer to Vice-President Day. My interest in this position stems from my wish to continue interacting with the student body as well as assisting in the re-shaping and improving of New York Law School. Being in my Second Year, I have seen many of the changes including the newly improved Froessel Room, the resignation of Dean Simon, and the recognition we are receiving not as N.Y.U., but as New York Law!

In my capacity as Day Division Vice-President I hope to become more involved in decisions which effect us as students. For instance, I believe students should take an active role in screening prospective professors as well as administrators. They should also be involved in the academic status committee which reviews students with academic difficulties. Last but not least, students should take an active role in the admissions process. We all know how difficult that process can be, and therefore should take a step towards improving it, retaining it or doing whatever is necessary.

In my capacity I also wish to influence the administration in reaching out to the community. Being within the "hubub" of New York City, New York Law School has the world at its feet. The art world of soho, the business and law worlds of Wall Street, the eccentricity of the village, and the ethnicity of Little Italy and Chinatown all offer New York Law School a tremendous advantage. Our forum is such that if we chose, New York Law School could be a household name. As a household name, New York Law School will no longer be confused with N.Y.U., and as such our degrees will have as much if not more merit.

Some of you may believe my venture is impossible or a fantasy, but if the SBA and the student body work towards this goal, the possibilities are endless. I hope that my intentions are not taken lightly, as I truly believe they are within our ability.

Thank you for your time and DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION / LAW STUDENT DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff Slate

As an SBA Senator in my first year and as Student Organization Chair (the Club SBA liaison) and Public Interest Coalition President this past year I have sought progressive policies to empower the student body. I have done this largely by fighting to make the money in the Student Activity Fund available to our student organizations and to the student body at large and by actively taking our concerns to the administration.

Many of you have come to me over the last two years to seek my support for various events and activities. Agree or disagree, I feel I have been fair in both my voting record and advice.

That is my legacy in the SBA, and I am proud of it.

Now I seek the position of American Bar Association/Law School Division Representative at the urging of the current office holder Glenn Miller. I was excited that Glenn felt me capable and after much deliberation I decided to enter the campaign.

My deliberation rested mainly on the fact that over the last two years the SBA has deteriorated and is viewed highly unfavorably by many of us. I came to the conclusion, though, that I still believe our SBA can lead us and that I want to lend my experience and common sense to the cause.

I do not have a grand strategy to pursue as your ABA/LSD Representative. I will seek only to actively recruit new members and to represent our school as effectively as I am able at the conferences around the area and around the country.

What I do promise is that, as an Executive Board member of the SBA, I will apply both my experience in the student government and my anger at that same institution to protect our interests as students from being ignored.

SECRETARY

HEATHER E. G. BROWNLIE



I am a member of the Quality of Life Committee of the SBA. The Quality of Life Committee attempts to improve the quality of student life overall. Communicating student concerns and ideas to the administration is important to achieving student goals. Especially with the upcoming renovations it is important for the students' interests to be continually taken into account.

Currently the SBA spends most of each meeting allocating funds to student organizations. The Student Bar Association should be doing more for the students than just distributing their money. Keeping the student body informed of what the SBA is doing on their behalf is also important. The parties sponsored by the SBA are a chance for the whole school to interact. I believe that the SBA can continue to promote school unity and implement more programs toward that goal.

If elected Secretary I will continue to serve the best interests of the students as a whole and promote the quality of student life overall.

RESUME

EDUCATION:

New York Law School, J.D. expected 1994.

Activities:

- Elected to the Student Bar Association;
- Staff writer for the NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL REPORTER
- Student member, American Bar and New York State Bar Associations

Columbia College, New York, NY. B.A. 1991

Major: History-Sociology

EXPERIENCE:

Sunrise Coach Lines, June 1987 - Present Hostperson/Bus Driver
Shelter Island Public Library, Summers 1984-1985 Library Clerk

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:

Appointed to the Village of Dering Harbor Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term commencing in June of 1991.

Michael Wood



As American Bar Association/Law Student Division Representative I intend to introduce New York Law School students to the American Bar Association and represent the interests of New York Law School students to the ABA. I will bring to the office of ABA representative the same energy that I previously exhibited as an editor in chief of THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL REPORTER. In addition to my REPORTER duties, I am a member of the Employment and Labor Law Student Association.

This past year, the Student Bar association has had

many problems with its own organization. Several senators have expressed frustration with a system which seems to allow unlimited debate of unimportant issues, yet doesn't address student concerns because of time constraints. As a member of the executive board I will work to reform SBA procedures. We don't have to re-invent the wheel. Many organizations have successfully overcome similar difficulties. My extensive experience on non-profit boards has given me the knowledge and experience to accomplish this. I have served as board member and president of a Model Cities agency, board member of a non-profit housing corporation, vice-president of a community council, secretary of a federal credit union, and board member and president of a successful free clinic.

The role of the ABA/LSD representative is to be a conveyor of ideas between the American Bar Association and the students of New York Law School. The American Bar Association provides many useful services to student members. Unfortunately, some students remain unaware of the benefits available. I will make it my duty to bring all of this information to NYLS students and help them when and where needed. (I urge every New York Law School student to join.) Did you know that the ABA sponsors affordable health insurance for students and their families? Did you know that this coverage may be extended to provide coverage during the time between graduation and admission to the Bar?

The American Bar Association is the largest association of attorneys in the United States. The thirty ABA sections, forum committees and divisions work to provide detailed information to members.

The ABA/LSD publication Student Lawyer is the largest publication for law students. The ABA Journal is the best known magazine of legal issues. Both magazine subscriptions are included in ABA membership.



TREASURER

CHARLES MASLIN

I am currently an active member of the S.B.A. In addition to serving you beer at parties, I am a founder of the Honorarium committee that was created to propose the allocation of funds to bring outside speakers to the school. I have dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to serving your interests, both as senator, and liaison to the administration. I would welcome the opportunity to serve you as Treasurer.

I am a graduate of Temple University with a BA in International Economics, and a minor in Philosophy. Upon graduating, I helped create Tower, Inc., a janitorial franchise company. My primary responsibilities entailed accounting and computer operations. I designed a custom accounting program to manage the company's assets which exceeded \$5 million in its first two years of operations.

As Treasurer, I will computerize the management of student funds and employ the use of visual aids at budget meetings. This will help to streamline meetings which, in the past, have been unnecessarily long.

The position of Treasurer is a serious one and should be given to someone with an extensive background in dealing with numbers. I feel that the knowledge I gained working with Tower, Inc. makes me an excellent candidate for Treasurer. If you want a trustworthy, competent, individual who has taken an active interest in your wants and needs since day one.

VOTE FOR CHARLES MASLIN FOR TREASURER.

D. Gregory Valenza

Lori G. Wentworth

I would be honored to address my classmates at the 100th Commencement of New York Law School. I would like to tell you something about myself and something about what I intend to say at graduation.

A member of the last mid-year entering class, I will have managed to graduate in two and one-half years by taking summer classes while working full time and by taking full course loads during the academic year. Few can dispute my commitment to the study of law while I have been in attendance. I am proud of my academic record, which you may review on my posted resume, and am equally proud of my work as a member and editor of the *Law Review*.

Of course, involvement with *Law Review* and a nice transcript are no guarantee of a good graduation speech. But, with a Justice of the Supreme Court in attendance, I submit that you consider selecting a speaker of high academic caliber who also is an engaging speaker with a good sense of humor. To that end, those of you who know me know that, whether or not you ultimately agree with my viewpoint, what I say will be interesting and reasonably well-spoken.

The title of my proposed address is borrowed from a long-time best seller: "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Law School." I intend to discuss what I have learned from my experiences at law school and how those experiences have changed the way I think about a great deal of things. I also would like to share my views as to why I think, contrary to popular sentiment, that the country indeed does need more lawyers; young enthusiastic lawyers trained to solve the complex problems facing us now and in the future.

EDUCATION:

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, J.D., expected May, 1992

Rank: 1/249, GPA: 3.92

Honors:

- Editor-in-Chief, *New York Law School Law Review*
- Joseph T. Foley Scholarship
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Top 5% Merit Scholarship
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Legal Writing & Research, Constitutional Law, Contracts, and Property
- Note, *Justice Harlan, Justice Rehnquist, and the Values of Federalism*, selected for publication (forthcoming in 1992)

Activities:

Teaching Fellow, 1990-91

Vice-President, Media Law Project, 1990-91

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA,

B.A., Business Administration, June, 1988

RICHMOND COLLEGE, London, England Summer Abroad, 1984

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, NY, NY

Summer Associate, May - August 1991

Researched and wrote memoranda and briefs on many subjects, with particular emphasis in corporate, entertainment, and tax law.

Drafted documents and assisted with filing of multi-billion dollar securities offering. Attended client conferences and drafting sessions.

BRONX LEGAL SERVICES, New York, NY

Summer Law Clerk, June - August 1990

Researched and wrote memoranda on various landlord-tenant issues, including a comprehensive summary of all past and present rent protection legislation affecting New York city residents.

LANE POWELL SPEARS LUBERSKY, Seattle, WA

Legal Assistant, August 1988 - August 1989

Drafted agreements, correspondence, and corporate documents. Incorporated, maintained, merged, and dissolved corporations and partnerships. Attended and assisted with multi-million dollar negotiations and closings.

ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE:

Several years of experience in the entertainment industry, including work in music publishing, recording, artist management, radio, film production, and advertising.

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PROF. MICCIO RESPONDS

Male Bashing at NYLS "an unfortunate experience"

TO THE EDITOR:

I had the rather unfortunate experience of reading Seamus Murphy's article "Male Bashing at New York Law School." I found it to be an unfortunate experience because the anger, the arrogance and the ignorance of the author was disturbing. Mr. Murphy purports to refute Ms. Herman's statistics with two citations from the *New York Post*, a journal not often touted for its clarity much less accuracy. Moreover, this citation method was particularly disquieting since it leads to the conclusion that Mr. Murphy holds the belief that such authority is persuasive!

It is important to note that Ms. Herman's statistics were culled from the U.S. Department of Justice's monograph, "Female Victims of Violent Crime" [January 1991, NCJ - 126826]. Additionally, such statistics were a product of her work as special counsel to the New York City Police Commissioner from 1985 - 1991.

If Mr. Murphy reads the Justice Department's publication, his worst fears will be confirmed. Women are beaten, raped and murdered by intimates. Succinctly put, women are six times "more likely than men to be victimized by a spouse, ex-spouse, or boyfriend." See, Female Victims of Violent Crime at 1. These statistics are from the U.S. Department of Justice - hardly a bastion of radical feminism.

The talk given by Ms. Herman and myself was devastating. It is frightening to learn that violence against women occurs by those whom we trust the most and that such acts of hate are perpetrated in the home. It was only eight years ago that the New York

Court of Appeals struck down as unconstitutional the marital rape exemption. Prior to 1984, the state could not, as a matter of law, prosecute husbands for the rape of their wives since, by virtue of their status, wives were incapable of withholding consent to sexual intercourse. The Court of Appeals recognized that the State should no longer place its imprimatur on the doctrine of "femme couverte" whereby women in the family were the sexual property of their husbands. The Court also recognized that violence in the home is at epidemic proportions and this violence should not be hidden or protected by the veil of "familial privacy." *People v. Liberti*, 64 NY2d 152 (1984).

The article penned by Mr. Murphy was a predictable reaction for one who is pained by threatening information. Rather than confront the consequences of violence to individuals and society, a choice was made to attack and, using the first amendment as a shield, a right that Mr. Murphy obviously does not extend to others, he engaged in the debasement of a serious subject.

Finally, it saddens me that a law student would engage in a flawed analysis that resonated with arrogance and misplaced self-righteousness. The symposium conducted by Ms. Herman and myself was an invitation to explore violence against women. Mr. Murphy has clearly declined this invitation and in so doing he has chosen to remain a victim of his own ignorance.

Sincerely,
Kristian Miccio
Director, Center for Battered Women's Legal Services

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Because of the short deadline for this special election issue of THE REPORTER, Seamus Murphy, our columnist and lightning rod, will respond to his critics in the next issue of THE REPORTER coming to you at the end of the semester.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Clarification & Mea Culpa

Seamus S. Murphy '93

After seeing my March 17, 1992 article "ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE NOT A POLITICAL FORUM" in print, I realized that certain statements which I wrote could be reasonably interpreted differently from what I meant them to mean. As such, I would like to clarify some points. The St. Patrick's Day parade should be open to all individuals and groups that want to celebrate the Irish culture, just as all other parades should be open to all that want to celebrate the culture of those parades. As such, parade organizers must be able to control entry into their parade. Where an organizer wants to deny entry, the burden should be on that organizer to explain why. This burden should be less in regard to groups than in regard to individuals. But, under no circumstance should a parade organizer be forced to accept any person or group that wants to march primarily for their own personal or political agenda (i.e., just because KKK members sew a shamrock or the Star of David on their white sheets should not force organizers to let them march). In sum, parades should be open only to those who want to celebrate that parade's culture and who demonstrate the necessary respect towards that parade's culture. In Ireland, homosexual groups are allowed to march in St. Patrick's Day parades. In Cork City, the homosexual group won this year's prize for best new entry. In the next few years, I expect to see one or more homosexual groups, possibly even ILGO, march down Fifth Avenue with the rest of the St. Patrick Day parade. But, as with all other groups, they should be there only if they are going to celebrate the Irish culture. This year, ILGO chastised non-ILGO members for

booing Officer Steven McDonald and his family. As ILGO begins to discard this type of supporters, people who do not care about the Irish culture, they will win the support of more and more people. Furthermore, ILGO could strengthen their cause if they would change the substance of their chants to something which shows pride in the Irish culture. In my article I also mentioned behavior that occurs at both parades. At that time, I did not realize that this could be interpreted to mean that these acts of behaviors were the norm or welcomed at either parade. They are not. Unfortunately, at both parades there are participants and spectators who do not realize that their buffoonery reflects poorly on their group's reputation and is helping to perpetuate the stereotype that each group suffers from. It was not my intention to insult anyone or perpetuate any stereotype by mentioning such behavior. As such, I would like to apologize to any member of the Irish or Homosexual communities that I may have offended. While we are on the subject of stereotyping, how come the news media feels compelled to annually state how many summons are issued for public drinking and how much alcohol is confiscated during each year's St. Patrick's Day parade. (Daily News, March 18, 1992, p.4 and N.Y. Newsday, March 18, 1992, p.26). I have been at numerous parades of other cultures and have seen alcohol and drugs openly consumed, yet, such behavior is not reported by the news media on a regular basis in regard to the other parades. Nor should it be. So what is their reasoning for always reporting it in regard to St. Patrick's Day parades?



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ELECTIONS: SBA & THE NEW YORK PRIMARY

The elections for the SBA Executive Board will take place on Monday, April 6 and Tuesday April 7. SBA elections are usually greeted with as much enthusiasm as a New York Republican Primary.

In the past, many SBA elections have been treated as popularity contests and very few issues have been addressed by the candidates. Many students feel that they don't have time to spare from their legal studies to concern themselves with student government. Although this is a commuter school, students spend a tremendous amount of time on the NYLS campus with classes, exams, work related research, journals and activities. Some students have spent more time in the library in one month in law school than

their entire undergraduate years combined. All NYLS students have a big stake, financial and otherwise, in what happens to the school.

The funds allocated to the SBA has been greatly increased in recent years—from our tuition. This money needs to be allocated wisely by the SBA, but the student body must be aware of where it is going and more importantly say something about it. In a true representative democracy the people call the tune and the legislators dance. Now is the time for NYLS students to request a song, any song. *"Whaddaya wanna hear?"*

The New York Primary

The voters in the Connecticut primary sent a message to the nation:

"Come on, give us a break. Anyone but Clinton." Suddenly the New York Primary has become important. Is Brown for real? Sometimes in law school I forget there is a world outside, don't miss it. The New York State Democratic Primary is Tuesday, April 7. **Make your voice heard—VOTE!**

The lack of a New York Republican Primary is a disgrace. To paraphrase Dick Chaney, "If we can reform elections in Panama, we can do it in New York." New York's antiquated election laws are prime candidates for abuse, corruption and election fraud. Write your legislators to force them to bring new election laws to New York State. Maybe next time a "minor candidate" like Pat Buchanan might even get on the ballot.

BRENNAN'S JUSTICE

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

By Joseph D. Brennan '93

Many of you, out there, are becoming quite taken with former California Governor Jerry Brown in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for President. In particular, many of you are being taken in by Brown's proposal to replace all Federal taxes with a 13% flat-rate tax in addition to a 13% value added tax. Unfortunately, many Americans don't understand what a value added tax is. Thus much of the discussion of Brown's tax proposal simply ignores the value added portion.

I take great pleasure in seeing to it that the readers of this column are well informed as to such matters. Be advised: a value added tax is simply a sneaky sales tax. I call it sneaky because the tax is collected in stages. Every time goods change hands, a tax is collected on the value added by the seller. For example, if a manufacturer buys \$50 in raw materials and turns them into a manufactured item which

the manufacturer wholesales for \$100, then a tax would be collected from the manufacturer on the \$50 worth of raw materials and another tax would be collected from the wholesale purchaser on the increase in value of the goods when they were in the manufacturer's hands (the tax collected from the wholesale purchaser would probably be computed on \$43.50; \$100 purchase price - \$50 in raw materials - \$6.50 tax collected from the manufacturer). Notice I said "collected" in stages. Although proponents of value added taxes usually try to persuade consumers that they would only pay the tax on the "value added" at the retail level, the fact is that the retail consumer would pay the total tax from all the levels where it was collected, because each intermediate purchaser would add the cost of the tax he paid to the price he charges when he sells. Thus the final price of each product for the retail consumer would include all of the previously collected taxes plus the tax on the value added at the retail level. The result is a disguised, national sales tax. The real insidious aspect of the value added tax is that it makes it harder for consumers to understand that they are paying the full tax. This makes it easier for the government to enact a value added tax at a much higher level than would be tolerated if it were enacted as a straight national sales tax. That's the sneaky part.

Value added taxes have been very effective in Europe (effective in burdening citizens there with high taxes). In Great Britain, the value added tax is currently 18.5%; up from 15% a few years ago. This brings up another danger with Brown's tax proposal; the rates can always be increased. Do any of you really think that once Congress

gets a taste of a 13% national sales tax, in addition to a 13% income tax with almost all deductions eliminated, that these rates will remain at 13%?

Supporters of Jerry Brown say that, as President, he would "make the White House again a Symbol of Hope for the impoverished and oppressed among us..." This seems inconsistent with a proposal for a 13% Federal sales tax. Sales taxes are regressive; they are more of a burden on the poor than on the wealthy. A big clue to where Jerry Brown is coming from is his own claim that his tax proposal would be revenue neutral. That means that under Brown's tax plan, the government would be taking as much of our money as they are now. Where's the improvement in that? Do you really want a 13% Federal sales tax, on top of your local sales taxes? In New York City, that would amount to a combined sales tax (Federal, state, and local) of 21.5%. Furthermore, a Federal sales tax is a consumption tax, which would have the effect of reducing consumption. Even people who still believe in macroeconomics agree that you don't want to reduce consumption when the country is suffering from a sluggish economy. (Government guys love "macro stuff." I, of course, don't suffer from that infirmity.)

Don't be fooled friends, Jerry Brown is just as big a phony as Bush, Buchanan, Clinton, and all those other statist jerks are. Who should you support? If you want a real alternative to the run-of-the-mill, big government blockheads, vote for Andre Marrou, Libertarian candidate for President. Before Jerry Brown even announced

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